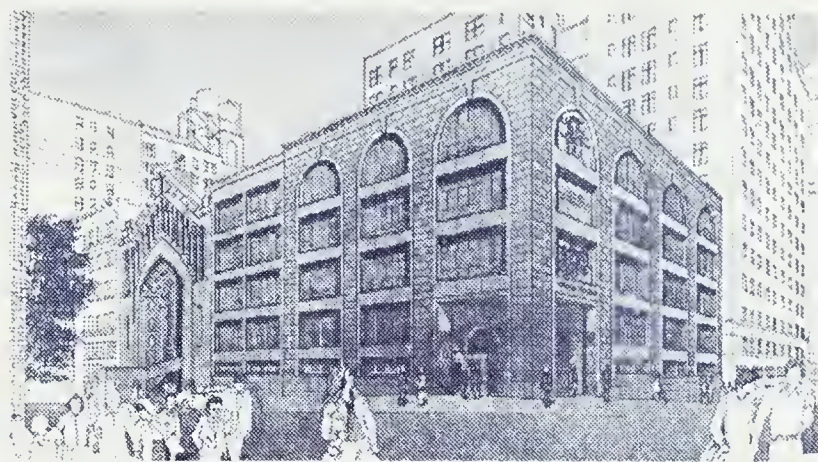




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Special Ecumenical Service To Commemorate 9/11 To Be Hosted by Park Avenue Synagogue

On Wednesday, September 11, 2002, at 5:30 p.m., Park Avenue Synagogue will host an interfaith ecumenical service to commemorate 9/11. Seven Upper East Side congregations will participate with us. They are:

- Park Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Park Avenue Methodist Church
- St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Church
- The Brick Presbyterian Church
- Church of the Epiphany Episcopal Church
- The Church of the Holy Trinity
- The Temple of Universal Judaism

The actual service will be preceded by a musical prelude and will combine elements of memorial prayer and reflection, fellowship and unity, and worship. We hope you will plan to join us for this meaningful event as we contemplate how our lives have been affected in the past year by the tragedy of 9/11.

Since we expect a large turnout, please plan to come early to facilitate security screening procedures and seating in the Sanctuary.

**SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 20, 2002
for
The Men's Club's
Israeli Art Fair**

Watch for the October Bulletin and Men's Club mailings for further details.

Amos Kaminski and Marlene Muskin To Be Honored This Simhat Torah



Amos Kaminski



Marlene Muskin

During the Festival of Simhat Torah, it is customary for congregations to honor two members who have contributed in important ways to the life of their synagogue and/or the Jewish community in which they live. In accordance with this Jewish tradition, this year, during the Simhat Torah service on **Sunday morning, September 29, 2002, the 23rd day of Tishri 5763**, the Park Avenue Synagogue will honor two such special congregants. First, Amos Kaminski will be called to the Torah as Hatan Torah and then Marlene Muskin will be called to the Torah as Kallah Bereishit.

Following the service, which begins promptly at 9:15 a.m., the entire congregation will be invited to a buffet luncheon and reception on the Lower Level in honor of the honorees and their families. Plan to join the Park Avenue Synagogue community of families to celebrate both the holiday of Simhat Torah and the contributions of these two special congregants.

Amos Kaminski

Amos Kaminski and his wife, Floy, joined our congregation sixteen years ago in order "to provide their children, Margot and Matthew, with the best

Jewish education and to participate in egalitarian services while adhering closely to the traditional text and liturgy."

Amos has been a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue Board of Trustees for the past three years and has served on a number of functional committees, as well as on the Ritual Committee. He has participated in Hashkama services and attends Havurah services, where he has frequently read Torah and led weekly Parasha discussions. Amos also serves as a Trustee of The Jewish Theological Seminary.

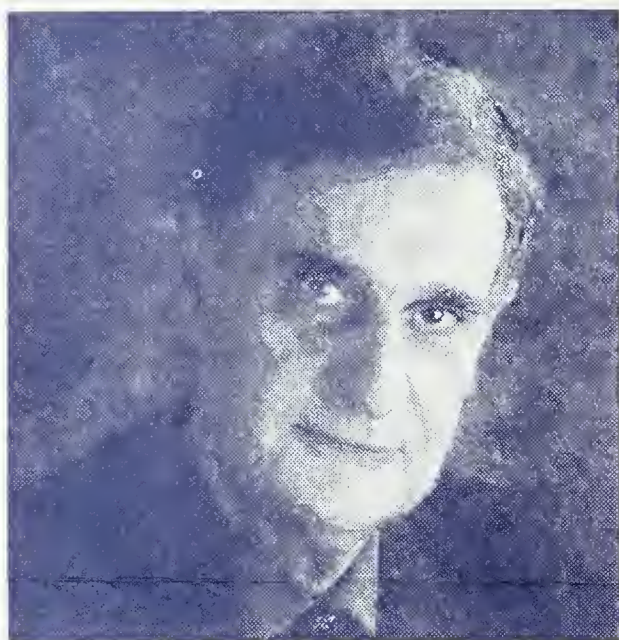
Born and educated in Israel, he spent a couple of years in Yeshivat Hevron in Jerusalem. However, he did his university studies in the United States at UCLA and New York University, where he was educated to be a physicist. He then taught physics as a teaching assistant at New York University and then as an instructor of physics at the Cooper Union School of Engineering.

Amos began his career as a solid state physicist and, while at the Raytheon Company, progressed from a position of a research scientist to that of general manager of the Components

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F R O M T H E

Rabbi's Desk



The British Prime Minister's wife, Cherie, told reporters in London that "as long as young people feel they have no hope but to blow themselves up, you are never going to make progress." This statement was made just hours after a Hamas murderer had killed 19 people including schoolchildren.

A day later she announced that she was merely stating the obvious. *The Daily Telegraph* of June 19, 2002 pointed out that it might be obvious in the left-liberal circles in which the Blairs move. Furthermore, the motivations behind the suicide attacks are not caused by a lack of hope. Rather, they

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES for SEPTEMBER, 2002

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Friday evening, September 6 6:15 p.m.

First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Saturday morning, September 7 8:30 a.m.

Saturday evening, September 7 7:15 p.m.

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Sunday morning, September 8 8:30 a.m.

Sunday evening, September 8 5:45 p.m.

Friday evening, September 13 6:15 p.m.

Children's September Birthday Celebration

Saturday morning, September 14 9:15 a.m.

Shabbat Shuvah

Havurah Service 9:30 a.m.

Saturday afternoon, September 14 6:00 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Minhah Service

Sunday afternoon, September 15 1:30 p.m.

Kol Nidre Service

Sunday evening, September 15 6:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Monday morning, September 16 9:00 a.m.

Yizkor Memorial Service

SUKKOT SERVICES

Erev Sukkot

Friday evening, September 20 6:15 p.m.

Followed by a Congregational Sukkot Shabbat Dinner

(by Advance Reservation Only)

First Day of Sukkot

Saturday morning, September 21 9:15 a.m.

Hashkama Service 7:30 a.m.

Havurah Service 9:30 a.m.

Tot Shabbat 11:15 a.m.

*Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Aaron Solomon
son of Terry and Dr. William Solomon*

Saturday evening, September 21 5:45 p.m.

Followed by a Sisterhood Sukkah Dinner

(By Advance Reservation Only)

Second Day of Sukkot

Sunday morning, September 22 9:15 a.m.

Hashkama Service 7:30 a.m.

*Bar Mitzvah of Jared Aron Eisenberg
son of Nicole and Mikel Eisenberg*

Sunday evening, September 22 5:45 p.m.

Hashana Rabba

Friday morning, September 27 6:30 a.m.

Erev Shemini Atzeret

Friday evening, September 27 6:15 p.m.

Shemini Atzeret

Saturday morning, September 28 9:15 a.m.

Hashkama Service 7:30 a.m.

Yizkor Memorial Service

*Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Lynn Miller
daughter of Lisa and Wayne Miller*

Erev Simhat Torah

Saturday evening, September 28 5:45 p.m.

SIMHAT TORAH

Sunday morning, September 29 9:15 a.m.

Honoring Amos Kaminski and Marlene Muskin

Hashkama Service 7:30 a.m.

Sunday evening, September 29 5:45 p.m.

Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Paulette R. Gross will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the High Holy Days Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

*Baby sitting for children 2 to 5 years of age is available
every Saturday morning from 9:15 a.m. to 12 noon.*

September B'nai Mitzvah



Daniel Aaron Solomon, September 21, 2002

Daniel Solomon has been a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue community since age 3 when he began his education in Park Avenue Synagogue's Early Childhood Center.

Daniel is an honor role student at Wagner Junior High School, where he plays the trombone in its band and is a member of the Boro-wide Music Program. He also enjoys playing the cello.

In addition, Dan is an avid baseball player with CYO and he plays Little League basketball. He spends his summers at Camp Walt Whitman in New Hampshire and enjoys visiting his extended family members throughout the United States.

Jared Aron Eisenberg, September 22, 2002

Jared Eisenberg is a seventh grade student at The Horace Mann School, where he particularly enjoys mathematics, history and science. He has attended the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School since the first grade.

When Jared is not at one of these two schools or doing schoolwork, he can be found on the soccer field. His position on his soccer team, that of goalie, is indicative of his basic nature. He is an independent thinker, as well as a leader amongst his peers. His love for soccer has led him to Minnesota, to the 2001 USA Cup and this summer to a training camp in Monaco, where his grandfather lives. Jared's other favorite pastimes include traveling with his family and playing classical piano.

When invited to celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Sukkot, Jared was thrilled. For him, this is a double celebration and one that takes on special meaning. He is grateful to the clergy who have prepared him so well for this important day.

Samantha Lynn Miller, September 28, 2002

Samantha Miller has been a part of the Park Avenue Synagogue community since her naming ceremony in October 1989. She has been attending its Congregational School since the second grade.

Samantha is currently an eighth grade student at The Spence School, where she is enjoying all of her academic subjects. In her free time, she likes playing piano and is an avid tennis player.

She spends her summers at Camp Towanda in Honesdale, PA, where she is a valued member of the softball, basketball and tennis teams. She has fun spending time with her friends and trying new things. She likes to travel with her family and has been to France, Italy and the Caribbean.

Samantha and her family would like to thank the clergy and teachers of the Park Avenue Synagogue for her religious education and for helping her prepare for her Bat Mitzvah.



From The Rabbi's Desk

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are fuelled by a surfeit of hope: first, the hope that the bombers will go to heaven if they murder Jews; secondly, the hope that their families will be rewarded by the Iraqi and Saudi governments to the tune of \$25,000; and thirdly, the hope that they will destroy Israel.

An ideology that promotes hope by such means should be excoriated, not "understood." Mrs. Blair lamely accepts

the Palestinians' assertions about the "hopelessness" of their predicament - even though they would now be self-governing had they accepted Ehud Barak's offer at Camp David in July 2000.

As we approach a New Year with hopes and prayers for the future, here are various thoughts upon which we may reflect.

Certainly, we pray earnestly for peace and tranquility for the tormented inhabitants of Israel. We also hope that

the gentile world may learn the real truth of the situation by understanding the whole history of the region. It is not just the poor Palestinians struggling for freedom, but decades of their wishing to destroy the State of Israel.

We Americans can be grateful and proud that at least our country understands very well.

Shana Tova. More to come in our sermons.

David H. Lincoln
Senior Rabbi

In Celebration of the High Holy Days

IN OUR HOMES

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah is both a solemn and a festive occasion. Its joy is spiritually disciplined by the sacred traditions of home and synagogue. Although the observance of the High Holy Days is centered in the synagogue, it is in the home where family members prepare to meet the New Year in a spirit of faith and in a mood conducive to prayer and soul-searching.

White is thought of as the color which symbolizes purity and joy. Thus the table is set with a white tablecloth and flowers, candles and wine. Round hallot, symbolizing a full round year, apples and a dish of honey for a sweet year complete the symbolic representations on the holiday table.

The family gathers together for the lighting of the candles and kiddush which precede the festive meal on both nights of Rosh Hashanah. The following blessings are recited over the candles:

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, asher kideshanu bemitzvotav vet-zivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, whose mitzvot add holiness to our lives and who gave us the mitzvah to kindle light for the Festival.

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, sheheheyanu vekiyemanu vehigiyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

After the Rosh Hashanah kiddush, the Motzi is recited over the round hallah:

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, hamotzi lehem min ha-aretz.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Then all the members of the family dip the apple in honey and recite the following blessing and prayer:

Yehi ratzon milefanekhah Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu, shetehadesh aleינו shanah tovah umetukah.

May it be Thy Will, O Lord our God, to renew unto us a happy and sweet New Year.

After the morning services of Rosh Hashanah, a festive meal is also eaten, preceded by the daytime kiddush and the Motzi:

Tiku vahodesh shofar, bakeseh l'yom hagenu, kihok l'Yisraelhu, mishpat l'Elohey Yaaqkov.

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, borei pri hagafen.

The greeting on Rosh Hashanah is L'Shanah Tovah Tikatavu — May you be inscribed for a good year.

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is the one religious occasion which is observed entirely in the synagogue. But the meal which precedes the fast of Erev Yom Kippur is intended to be a spiritual experience for the entire family. The meal is eaten early so that the family can be in the synagogue before sundown.

Following the *Birkat haMazon* — the grace after meals — the holiday candles are lit and the following blessings are recited:

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, asher kideshanu bemitzvotav vet-zivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom HaKippurim.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by The Commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Yom Kippur lights.

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Haolam, sheheheyanu vekiyemanu vehigiyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

Fasting

Although children are not obligated to fast until they are Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, it is a tradition that they do observe the fast in part, to the extent they are able.

Self-denial in food and other physical pleasures is part of the tradition of this "Sabbath of Sabbaths." However, Jewish law and tradition state that the maintenance of life and health is a prime religious duty. If a person is ill or weak, it is the obligation of the individual to consult a physician on the wisdom of fasting.

Memorial Lights

It is a custom to light a Memorial Light for the deceased in each family. Memorial Lights must be lit before the holiday candles are lit.

Blessing the Children

It is the tradition that before leaving for the Kol Nidre service parents bless their children by placing their hands on the head of each one.

Such blessings are introduced by the following prayer, to which parents can add words of their own, appropriate for the age and needs of each child:

For Sons: May God make you a true, faithful and honorable son of Israel, as were Ephraim and Menasseh, the sons of Joseph.

For Daughters: May God make you a faithful and honorable daughter of Israel, as were our mothers Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah.

Forgiveness

At this time, just before leaving the house to attend the Kol Nidre service, members of the family ask each other for forgiveness for the wrongs or the hurts they have done, knowingly or unknowingly, during the year.

In Our Congregation

Shabbat Shuvah

The Sabbath that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is called Shabbat Shuvah, from the Haftarah portion of that Sabbath which begins with the word Shuvah, meaning "return" (repent).

For the Hearing Impaired

Through the generosity of Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, it is now possible for those who are hearing impaired to use head sets while attending services. Please inform the synagogue office if you wish to reserve a headset.

Tzedakah

As a caring community, congregants are asked to consider the needs of the synagogue at the Kol Nidre Appeal and the two social outreach programs which it supports year round: The Food Pantry and the *Tikkun Olam* Committee for Community Outreach.

Congregants are asked to respond as generously as possible to the Kol Nidre Appeal. The funds generated by this annual campaign help balance the annual budget of the synagogue which includes the religious school program and social service outreach programs.

The Food Pantry, operated by our high school students, supplies weekly food packages to more than one hundred poor families in our neighborhood. The cost of this program is \$20 per family, per week. Let your heart dictate to you how you wish to support this important project.

The *Tikkun Olam* Committee for Community Outreach works in cooperation with the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty to help Soviet Jewish immigrants with their needs.

Women's Evening Group Upcoming Events

While some WEG programs are only for its members, **most** are open to the entire congregational community. After noting WEG's upcoming fall program of events, make sure to mark your calendars and plan to share these evenings with the group and other members of your synagogue community.

• **Monday, September 23** at 6:30 p.m. Join the members of WEG at the group's annual **Sukkah Dinner**. Make your reservation **immediately!** Fill out the reservation form on page 7 and send it in today! It's a mitzvah to eat in the Sukkah with your congregational friends!

• **Monday, October 21** – Linda Sterling, a docent at the Jewish Museum, will give a slide presentation at Park Avenue Synagogue about the museum's permanent exhibit "Culture and Continuity: The Jewish Journey" through 4000 years of history. Come learn about Jewish history with WEG!

• **Monday, November 11** – Israeli Dead Sea Minerals Spa Treatments: Demonstration and Sale. Come learn *how to patchka* yourself the Israeli way!

Young Couples' Group

Please join the Young Couples' Group for its first event on **Wednesday, September 4th** at 7:45 p.m. The evening's topic will be "**Making a Meaningful Rosh Hashanah.**" This year's president of the group is Zena Stern.

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Welcome Back From the Parents' Association

The Parents' Association of the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School is looking forward to a wonderful year filled with Jewish education and new opportunities for growth and community service.

The organization sponsors a number of events both to support the school and enrich the lives of its students and their families. Everyone is invited to participate.

Please join the Congregational Parents' Association at its **Welcome Coffees** on **September 9, 10 and 12** at 4 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge on the 3rd floor. Meet old friends and make new ones. Learn about all the wonderful events that are being planned for this year and enjoy some coffee and cookies!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Susan Edelstein and Rachael First,
Co-presidents

A New Group Forming Under The Metropolitan Branch of The Women's League for Conservative Judaism

The Metropolitan Branch of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism invites women 45 years of age and under to be founders of a new group, named "Zhavah." The purpose of this group will be to foster creative programming, development and support groups and social action projects. If you are interested, please call Victoria Friedman at 995-5877 for more information.

With Pride and Congratulations

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty mazal tov to:

Della and Lewis Honig, upon the birth of their grandson, Harry Alec Schreiber.

Lisa Samick, who was recently honored as one of an up and coming generation of young Jewish leaders and invited to attend a special seminar at Brandeis University.

Mrs. Irene Sommerfield, upon the birth of her grandson, Jacob Ian Roth.

Save the Date for MITZVAH SUNDAY 2002 NOVEMBER 17, 2002

Plan to join the Park Avenue Synagogue community in celebrating Mitzvah Sunday on November 17th. Bring your family and friends to perform good deeds to benefit those in need, both locally and in Israel. There will be something for everyone.

As in the past, we will be collecting goods to donate to several charitable organizations as well as organizing the Congregational Parents' Association's Annual Flea Market to underwrite camp scholarships. Please start to collect clothing, toys and games, children's books, small appliances, bric-a-brac, sports equipment, cellular phones, eyeglasses, canned goods, and spare change. Donations must be in very good condition or new.

We will also sponsor our annual **BLOOD DRIVE** and **BONE MARROW REGISTRY**, and, of course, bake fresh cookies for the donors. As always, Mitzvah Sunday participants can choose from a number of diverse offerings, including insightful discussions with our clergy, crafts projects to benefit families in need, off-site visits, and many other activities.

Please look for more details to follow in the mail.

Applications for the Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan

Applications for Kindergarten through 6th grade are now being accepted for enrollment in the Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan for the 2003-2004 school year.

An Open House for parents of prospective students in K through 5th grade will be held at 7:30 p.m. on October 7th at Park Avenue Synagogue. Class size is small with two full-time co-teachers per class.

Meetings with parents of prospective Middle School students will be by appointment.

To reserve a place either at the Open House or at a Middle School meeting, please call Daneet Brill at (212) 427-9500, ext. 22 or e-mail

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Simhat Torah Honorees

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Group in the International Division and, ultimately, to the position of director of corporate planning and acquisitions. During this period, Amos was instrumental in transferring the first semiconductor company to Israel, as well as participating in Israel's acquisition of Raytheon's Hawk (ground to air) Missile.

He returned to New York in 1967 and joined Bear Stearns & Co.'s Investment Research Department as director of its technology sector. He later joined Neuberger & Berman as an investment manager.

In 1978, Amos founded AFA Asset Services, which manages real estate investments, and Interfid Capital, an investment management firm concentrating in marketable securities. He is an avid skier and bridge player.

Floy and Amos met while skiing in Vail and were married in 1981. Their children, Matthew and Margot, studied at the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School and Floy, Margot and Matthew celebrated their respective B'not and Bar Mitzvah with our congregation.

Floy is a member of the board of Facing History and Ourselves as well as of the Board of Overseers of the Davidson School at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

From his first family, Amos has three children, Anna, Julia and David, who live, respectively, in Seattle, London and Durham, North Carolina, and six grandchildren. His brothers and sister and their families live in Israel. His brother Menachem, having retired as a major general in the Israeli army, is now in real estate. His other brother, Arie, is a general consultant, having retired from the Jewish Agency in South America. His sister Rivka is retired from the Eretz Yisrael Museum in Tel-Aviv.

We are proud to honor him as Hatan Torah this Simhat Torah for his contributions to our congregation and the larger Jewish community. We pray that he and his family will be able to continue their involvement with us in good health for many years to come.

Marlene Muskin

Marlene and Philip Muskin have been members of the Park Avenue

Synagogue since 1990. Their son Matthew attended both Park Avenue Synagogue's Early Childhood Center and its Congregational Religious School and she and her husband experienced the joy of celebrating Matthew's Bar Mitzvah last year. He is now in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School.

Marlene's interest in and pursuit of adult Jewish education began in the classes sponsored by the Congregational Parents' Association. Both she and her sister, Diane Solomon, celebrated their B'not Mitzvah in 1998 at our synagogue, an event that was a source of great pride to them and their families.

Marlene's involvement in our synagogue's life deepened when Matthew was in the Daled grade and she decided to stop working. For the previous eighteen years she had worked for a small manufacturer in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn. Although she loved her work and found it rewarding, she decided to devote herself full-time to her young son, her home and the Jewish community through Park Avenue Synagogue's Congregational Parents' Association. She served as president of the organization from 1997 until this past June. While in the position, she presided over many exciting events sponsored by the Parents' Association and also served as a member on some of the School Board's committees.

She is now looking forward to the challenges which lie ahead. She recently became involved with Bikur Cholim and finds it to be very rewarding. She is also a member of the Family Education Committee and was recently appointed to Park Avenue Synagogue's Board of Trustees.

Marlene was born and grew up in Brooklyn and Queens, where she and her sisters attended religious school at the Queens Village Jewish Center. She attributes her strong Jewish identity and her commitment to Conservative Judaism to the precious time she and her family spent in shul. She also sees how the traditional home her mother maintained contributed to her commitment to leading a Jewish life. She hopes that she will be successful in passing her feelings of commitment to Judaism on to her son Matthew.

We heartily congratulate Marlene for receiving this well-deserved honor and

thank her for all she has done for our congregation. We hope she will be able to continue her good work on behalf of our community for many years to come.

Introduction to Judaism With Rabbi Paulette Gross

"Beyond Matzah," a 30-week Introduction to Judaism course will commence **Tuesday evening, October 1st** from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. Taught by Rabbi Paulette Gross, this course is for anyone interested in learning about Judaism at an adult level or for those seeking conversion to Judaism. It involves weekly readings as well as informal participation. To register or for more information (regarding the fee), please call Park Avenue Synagogue at (212) 369-2600, ext. 148, no later than September 10th.

Come Learn Participatory Shabbat Morning Melodies

Join the cantors on **Thursday evening, October 3 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** for a review and preview of Shabbat morning melodies. This musical workshop will prepare you to join in singing the prayers in our synagogue's more participatory Shabbat morning services.

Mission to Israel With Cantor Nancy Abramson November 17-22, 2002

I invite members of our congregation to participate with me in the Cantors Assembly Mission to Israel, scheduled for November 17 – 22, 2002. Share in the unique *ruach* (spirit), as cantors from across the United States and Canada join with family and friends in learning, prayer and song. The mission will include meetings with members of the Knesset, special programming with the Masorti (Conservative) Movement in Israel, a special ceremony at Yad Vashem, concerts and tours, and will be filmed for a documentary by the Israel Government Tourist Office.

This is an amazing opportunity to show your support for the State of Israel. I look forward to sharing this experience with many of you. Please call me at 369-2600, ext. 151 for more information about this historic mission.

Schechter School

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The Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan is a National Solomon Schechter Award Recipient and a Grant Recipient from the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education.

All About Sukkot and Simhat Torah

The festival of Sukkot derives its name from the sukkah, the temporary dwelling or booth built especially for the holiday. Says the Book of Leviticus: "I did cause the children of Israel to dwell in booths when I brought them out of the Land of Egypt." The sukkah is, therefore, a reminder to all generations of God's redemption of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery.

Sukkot is also a festival of thanksgiving for the final ingathering of the harvest in the Land of Israel. Some of its symbols clearly recall the Land and its produce.

The four *minim*, or species, consist of an *etrog*, a *lulav*, myrtles and willows. The *lulav* is a branch of the palm tree and is bound together with three short branches of myrtle leaves (*hadassim*) and two branches of the willow tree (*aravot*). The *etrog* looks like a large lemon, but it smells and tastes much sweeter. It has a *pitom*, a small protuberance, at its end.

The rabbis teach that binding these different species together serves as an example to us of how all Jews, different though we may be from one another, must be bound together into one unit.

A blessing is said over the *minim* at two points in the morning service, during Hallel, right after the morning Amidah, and during *Hoshanot*, each day of the holiday when we march around the synagogue with them in a magnificent procession, except on Shabbat.

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FOR SUKKOT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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You are cordially invited to have DINNER IN THE RITTER SUKKAH

Friday, September 20 through Thursday, September 26

All reservations are pre-paid and non-refundable. In case of rain, dinner will be served on the Lower Level. Cost: \$25 per person; \$10 each for children under 8 years of age. Please fill out, cut out, and return the reservation form below, marking the dinner(s) you will be attending, with your check made payable to Park Avenue Synagogue **IMMEDIATELY**.

RESERVATION FORM

Please check appropriate Sukkah Dinner(s):

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| 1) Friday, September 20 at 7 p.m.
Congregational Sukkot Shabbat Dinner | #Adults _____ | #Children Under 8 _____ |
| | Total \$ _____ | Over 8 _____ |
| 2) Saturday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m.
hosted by Sisterhood | #Adults _____ | #Children Under 8 _____ |
| | Total \$ _____ | Over 8 _____ |
| 3) Sunday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m.
hosted by Park Avenue Synagogue | #Adults _____ | #Children Under 8 _____ |
| | Total \$ _____ | Over 8 _____ |
| 4) Monday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m.
hosted by WEG | #Adults _____ | #Children Under 8 _____ |
| | Total \$ _____ | Over 8 _____ |
| 5) Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.
hosted by Men's Club | #Adults _____ | #Children Under 8 _____ |
| | Total \$ _____ | Over 8 _____ |
| 6) Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m.
hosted by Education Department | #Adults _____ | #Children Under 8 _____ |
| | Total \$ _____ | Over 8 _____ |
| 7) Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m.
hosted by Parents' Association | #Adults _____ | #Children Under 8 _____ |
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Help Decorate the Ritter Sukkah

Come help decorate the Ritter Sukkah! The more the better! It takes many hands to do the job and everyone is invited to join in the fun. We will be decorating on **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 17, 18, 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Please let us know when you will be able to help. You will be performing a mitzvah! Please fill out the volunteer form below, cut it out and return it to Park Avenue Synagogue!

VOLUNTEER FORM

I want to help decorate the Ritter Sukkah! I can come on:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, September 17 | Time _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, September 18 | Time _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, September 19 | Time _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, September 20 | Time _____ |

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The Park Avenue Synagogue Bereavement Group

Park Avenue Synagogue's Bereavement Group for those who have lost loved ones or close friends will continue on a once a month basis. **Dr. Sheila Erlich**, a licensed psychologist, facilitates the Bereavement Group.

The group will meet at **7:30 p.m.** on: **Thursday, September 19 and Thursday, October 10.**

For additional information about this group, please call Rabbi Kenneth Stern at 369-2600.

Sukkot & Simhat Torah

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The festival of Sukkot begins on the 15th day of Tishri and the first two days are observed as major festival days. The next five days are *Hol Hamoed*, the Intermediate Days of the festival. These days are half-holidays, for while most labor is permitted, except, of course, on the Sabbath, we continue to eat meals in the sukkah and to make the blessings over the four *minim*, waving them during the recitation of the *Hallel* and when marching with them during the hymns (*Hoshanot*).

At Park Avenue Synagogue, our Ritter Sukkah, named in memory of Gerald and May Ellen Ritter, is constructed on the roof and decorated by the Congregational Parents' Association.

A kiddush takes place in the Ritter Sukkah following every service during Sukkot and dinner is served there almost every night of Sukkot.

The eighth day of Sukkot is treated as a separate holiday in and of itself and is called Shemini Atzeret, the "Eighth Day of Assembly." We no longer eat in the sukkah and in Israel prayers for rain are recited during the service. The Yizkor Memorial Prayers are also recited on Shemini Atzeret.

Shemini Atzeret is followed by the joyous festival of Simhat Torah, the "Rejoicing of Torah." It is during the

morning service on Simhat Torah that the last verse and the first verse of the Torah are read, a bold demonstration of our belief that the study of Torah is never-ending. We march joyfully in *hakafot* (processions) in which we carry the Scrolls of the Law. At this service two of our congregants are honored for their contributions to the synagogue and to the Jewish community.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families. To:

The family of the late Mollie Abrams.

Mrs. Shirley Benowitz, upon the death of her father, Victor Capelluto.

Dr. Arturo Constantiner, upon the death of his father, Dr. Jaime Constantiner.

Mrs. Phyllis Cornell, upon the death of her brother, Irwin Levine.

Mrs. Betty Emden, upon the death of her father, Victor Capelluto.

Mrs. Lorraine Feinstone, upon the death of her husband, Emanuel M. Feinstone.

Mrs. Leslie Friedman, upon the death of her mother, Sara Shufro.

Mr. Irwyn H. Gilbert, upon the death of his father, Jerome J. Gilbert.

Dr. Pearl-Ellen Gordon, upon the death of her mother, Lillian J. Clayman.

Mr. Harvey Greenfield, upon the death of his mother, Betty Greenfield.

Dr. Arthur Gurevitch, upon the death of his father, Louis Gurevitch.

Mr. Joel Klaperman, upon the death of his sister, Judith Goldman.

Mrs. Gabrielle Levy, upon the death of her

Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim

Did you know...?

- If you are in hospital, a Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim member can visit you.
- If you wish to celebrate Shabbat or Yom Tov while in hospital, Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim will supply candles and challah.
- If you just want company in hospital, or while recuperating at home, give us a call!

To contact Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim, call Rabbi Lincoln's secretary at 369-2600, ext. 149.

mother, Louise Toussieh Zisman.

Mr. Paul Ratner, upon the death of his father, Lewis Ratner.

Mrs. Madelin Title, upon the death of her mother, Leona Klein.

Mr. William Wallerstein, upon the death of his father, Robert Wallerstein.

Mrs. Roslyn Weinrauch, upon the death of her mother, Helen Forman.

Mr. Morris (Tiny) Weintraub, upon the death of his brother, Emanuel Weintraub.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for SEPTEMBER 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 LABOR DAY	3 8 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln	4 7:45 p.m. Young Couples' Group	5	6 Erev Rosh Hashanah 6:15 p.m. Service Light Candles 7:00 p.m.	7 First Day of Rosh Hashanah 8:30 a.m. Service 7:15 p.m. Service Light Candles 8:00 p.m.
8 Second Day of Rosh Hashanah 8:30 a.m. Service 5:45 p.m. Service	9 Congregational School Begins 4 p.m. Parents' Association Welcome Coffee	10 8 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 4 p.m. Congregational Parents' Association Welcome Coffee	11 High School Begins 5:30 p.m. Special Ecumenical Service To Commemorate 9/11 hosted by Park Avenue Synagogue	12 4 p.m. Congregational Parents' Association Welcome Coffee	13 6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service Children's September Birthday Celebration Light Candles 6:49 p.m.	14 Shabbat Shuvah 9:15 a.m. - Shabbat Service 9:30 a.m. - Havurah Service 10 - 11 a.m. - Junior Congregation 11 a.m. - noon - Nitzanim Service 6 p.m. - Afternoon Service
15 1:30 p.m. Minhah Service Erev Yom Kippur 6:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service Light Candles Before Service	16 Yom Kippur 9 a.m. Service Yizkor Memorial Service	17 8 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 1 p.m. Retirees Group 7:30 p.m. Tikkum Olam Committee Meeting	18	19 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 'n' Learn Session 7:30 p.m. Park Avenue Synagogue Bereavement Group	20 Erev Sukkot 6:15 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Congregational Sukkot Shabbat Dinner Light Candles 6:37 p.m.	21 First Day of Sukkot 7:30 a.m. - Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. - Shabbat Service 9:30 a.m. - Havurah Service 10 - 11 a.m. - Junior Congregation 11 a.m. - noon - Nitzanim Service 11:15 a.m. - noon - Tot Shabbat Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Aaron Solomon 5:45 p.m. - Service 6:30 p.m. Sisterhood Sukkah Dinner Light Candles - 7:35 p.m.
22 Second Day of Sukkot 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Service Bar Mitzvah of Jared Aron Eisenberg 5:45 p.m. Service 6:30 p.m. Sukkah Dinner	23 6:30 p.m. WEG Sukkah Dinner	24 8 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 12 noon Sisterhood Board Meeting 1 p.m. Retirees Group 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Sukkah Dinner	25 6:30 p.m. Education Department Sukkah Dinner	26 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 'n' Learn Session 6:30 p.m. Parents' Association Sukkah Dinner	27 Hashana Rabba 6:30 a.m. Service Erev Shemini Atzeret 6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service Light Candles 6:25 p.m.	28 Shemini Atzeret 7:30 a.m. - Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. - Service Yizkor Memorial Service Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Lynn Miller 10 - 11 a.m. - Junior Congregation 11 a.m. - noon - Nitzanim Service Erev Simhat Torah 5:45 p.m. - Service Light Candles - 7:25 p.m.
29 Simhat Torah 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Service Honoring Amos Kaminski and Marlene Muskin 5:45 p.m. Service	30	THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY Will Reopen September 1 Schedule of Hours: Mondays 3:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Tuesdays 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Wednesdays 3:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Thursdays 3:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Sundays 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.			REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM Monday - Friday at 7:15 A.M. Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 A.M. Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 P.M. Saturday afternoons (See time listings)	

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